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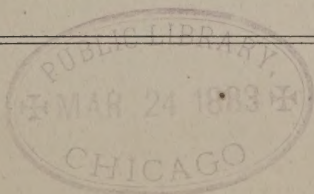
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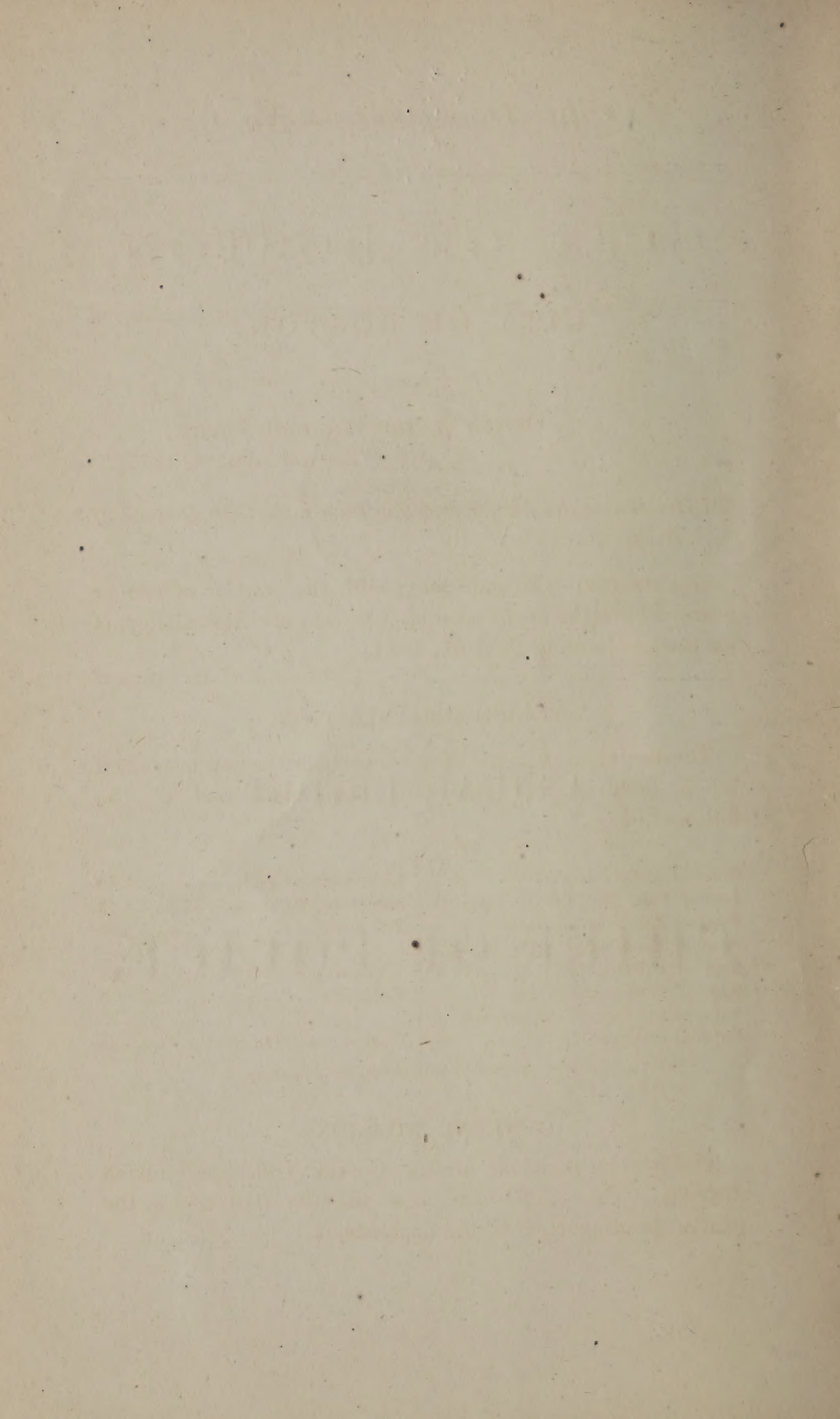
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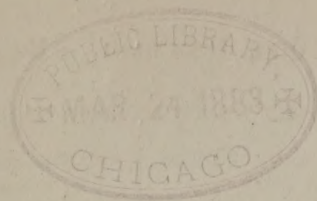
CHIEF OF POLICE,

FOR

1874.







CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE,
BOSTON, Jan. 4, 1875.

*To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable City Council of
Boston: —*

GENTLEMEN, — In conformity with the practice of former years, I have the honor to submit to you my Annual Report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1874.

POLICE ORGANIZATION.

The maximum strength of the department as now organized is six hundred and sixty-four men, rank and file, as follows: —

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Chief of Police | 1 | Lieutenants of Police..... | 40 |
| Deputy Chief of Police..... | 1 | Sergeants of Police..... | 42 |
| Clerk of Police..... | 1 | Patrolmen..... | 560 |
| Supt. of Hacks and Carriages..... | 1 | | — |
| Supt. of Pawnbrokers..... | 1 | Total..... | 664 |
| Supt. of Trucks and Wagons..... | 1 | Vacancies | 3 |
| Supt. of Intelligence Offices..... | 1 | | — |
| Captains of Police..... | 15 | Present number in service..... | 661 |

On special detail, Lieutenants, 8; Sergeants, 2.

GENERAL DIVISIONS.

The general divisions are the Central Office, and fifteen districts. The Chief's Office is at the City Hall, and is the general head-quarters of the department.

OFFICERS OF THE CENTRAL DIVISION.

Edward H. Savage, Chief of Police.
 James Quinn, Deputy-Chief.
 John F. Ham (Lieut.), Assistant Deputy.
 Harvey N. Follansbee, Clerk of Police.
 James F. Mitchell, Assistant Clerk.
 I. Gilbert Robbins (Sergt.), Assistant Clerk.
 Eben S. Crocker, Messenger.
 Elisha W. Goodwin (Lieut.), Sup't Building Permits.
 Rufus C. Marsh, Sup't Hacks.
 Timothy R. Page, Sup't Trucks and Wagons.
 Wm. E. Richardson (Lieut.), Assistant Sup't.
 Ebenezer Shute, Sup't Pawnbrokers.
 Benjamin T. Gould (Lieut.), Assistant Sup't.
 Harrison O. Read, Sup't Intelligence Offices.

Augustus Grant (Lieut.), Keeper City Prison.
 De Lafayette Thompson (Lieut.), Assistant Keeper.
 Thomas Fitzgerald, Assistant Keeper.
 John Cowdrey, Steward.

Day Officers at City Hall.

Wm. C. F. Tracy (Lieut.),
 John L. Cook (Lieut.),
 John Hurley,
 Wm. Calder.

Night Watch at City Hall.

David Blaisdell,
 Jacob H. Currier,
 Samuel Preston,
 Adam Sylvester.

Night Watch at Probate Building.

John L. Harvey,
 Gilman B. Robinson.

The territory within the jurisdiction of the City of Boston is divided into fifteen districts, and each district is subdivided into beats, so that the whole may be covered by the patrol at all times. Each district has a Station House, and is in the immediate charge of a Police Captain, assisted by such number of Lieutenants, Sergeants and Patrolmen as may be necessary.

District No. 1 is bounded by the centre of Faneuil Hall Square, Faneuil Hall and Quincy markets, Commercial, Clark, Hanover and Commercial streets, Charles river, the Eastern Railroad track, Portland, Hanover and Union streets, to the point of beginning; the Station House being located on Hanover, near Cross street.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Nathaniel Emerson.

Lieutenants, William A. Ham, Joseph B. Blanchard.

Sergeants, Charles C. J. Spear, Samuel A. Todd, Thomas Weir,
 and 49 Patrolmen.

District No. 2 is bounded by the centre of Faneuil Hall square, Faneuil Hall and Quincy markets, Commercial, State, and India streets, India wharf, by the water to Summer street, by the centre of Summer and Winter streets, by the Common up Tremont and Park streets, and by the centre of Beacon, Somerset, Howard, Hanover and Union streets to the point of beginning; the Station House being located in Court square.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Paul J. Vinal.

Lieutenants, Daniel W. Child, Benjamin D. Burley.

Sergeants, Solomon S. Foster, Joseph H. Bates, John H. Laskey,
and 69 Patrolmen.

District No. 3 is bounded by the centre of Portland, Hanover, Howard, Somerset and Beacon streets, by the fence of the Common and Public Garden, down Beacon to Arlington street, by the centre of Beacon street to Brookline town line, thence by said line through St. Mary's street and Brighton avenue to the Boston and Albany Railroad bridge, thence westerly to the Cambridge town line, and by the channel of Charles river to the Eastern Railroad track, and by the centre of said tracks to the point of beginning; the Station House being located on Joy, near Cambridge street.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Horace M. Ford.

Lieutenants, Jonathan W. Baker, Martin L. White.

Sergeants, John B. Eastman, Stephen L. Lewis, Daniel M. Hammond,
and 49 Patrolmen.

District No. 4 is bounded by the centre of Summer and Winter streets to Tremont street, thence by the fence of the Common and Public Garden, through Tremont, Park and Beacon streets to Arlington street, thence by the centre of Beacon and Parker streets to the Boston and Albany

Railroad track, thence by the centre of said track to the Boston and Albany Railroad wharf on Fort Point Channel, and thence by the water to the point of beginning; the Station House being located on La Grange street, near Tremont.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Samuel G. Adams.

Lieutenants, Lyman W. Gould, Alfred H. Porter.

Sergeants, Oliver L. Winship, Cyrus K. Thomas, Charles S. Hildreth,
and 69 Patrolmen.

District No. 5 is bounded by the centre of the Boston and Albany Railroad track from Parker street to Fort Point Channel, thence by the water to the draw on the Albany street bridge, thence by the centre of Albany and Northampton streets, Harrison avenue, Hunneman and Washington streets, by the old Roxbury line to Tremont street, through Northampton street, and by the dike across the flats to Parker street, thence by the centre of Parker street to the point of beginning; the Station House being located on East Dedham street, near Washington.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Cyrus Small.

Lieutenants, Edward M. Johnson, Robert Pierce.

Sergeants, Curtis Trask, Joseph B. Emerson, Joseph R. Burrill,
and 54 Patrolmen.

District No. 6 includes all that part of South Boston and Washington Village west of the centre of Dorchester street; the Station House being located on Broadway, near C street.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Lyford W. Graves.

Lieutenants, Edward Y. Graves, Henry C. Hemmenway.

Sergeants, George Emerson, Eugene M. Johnson, Timothy A. Hurley,
and 30 Patrolmen.

District No. 7 includes all the territory within the limits of East Boston; the Station House being located on Paris street.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Romanzo H. Wilkins.

Lieutenants, James Adams, Richardson A. Tewksbury.

Sergeants, Dummer Erskine, George W. Adams, William S. Kendall,
and 27 Patrolmen.

District No. 8 is bounded by the centre of India wharf, India, State, Commercial, Clark, Hanover, Commercial and Prince streets to the draw of Charles-river bridge, thence by the water front to the point of beginning. This district also includes all the water and islands within the jurisdiction of the City of Boston, and by a special act of legislation the officers also have power to act at Hull. The Station House is situated on Commercial street, corner of Battery.

OFFICERS.

Captain, James W. Twombly.

Lieutenants, John B. Wedger, Byron F. Bragden.

Sergeants, Nathan A. Simonds, James Magee,
and 21 Patrolmen.

The steamer "Protector" is attached to this station, and is under the general direction of the Captain.

OFFICERS OF STEAMER.

Lieutenant George F. Gould, Commanding.

Sergeant Louis W. Swan, Second Officer.

Lieutenant Stephen Henton, Engineer,

Collingwood C. Millar, Fireman,

and 2 Patrolmen.

District No. 9 is bounded by the centre of Hunneman street, Harrison avenue, Northampton and Albany streets to the draw on the Albany-street bridge, thence by the water southeasterly to the old Dorchester line on Boston street,

thence by the centre of Boston, Hancock, and Columbia streets, Blue Hill avenue, Seaver street, and the old West Roxbury line to Washington street, and by the centre of Washington street to the point of beginning; the Station House being located at the corner of Dudley street and Mount Pleasant avenue.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Joseph Hastings.

Lieutenants, Frank H. Briggs, John F. Gardiner.

Sergeants, Charles Hood, Henry O. Goodwin, Lyman Andrews,
and 34 Patrolmen.

District No. 10 is bounded by the centre of Washington street, from the old Roxbury line to the old West Roxbury line; by that line and Brookline town line to Beacon street; by the centre of Beacon and Parker streets to the dike; thence by the dike across the flats, and by the old Roxbury line to the point of beginning. The Station House is located at the junction of Tremont and Roxbury streets.

OFFICERS.

Captain, John W. Chase.

Lieutenants, Silas M. Littlefield, Hawley Folsom.

Sergeants, Henry H. Perkins, Walter L. Clark, Jeremiah J. McNamara,
and 34 Patrolmen.

District No. 11 includes all that part of the former town of Dorchester lying east and south of the centre of Boston, Hancock, and Columbia streets; the Station House being located on Hancock street, near Commercial. There are also provided at Neponset, Lower Mills, and Mattapan, small quarters for the use of the officers detailed in those localities.

OFFICERS.

Captain, William Chadbourn.

Lieutenants, John E. Jones, George Emerson.

Sergeant, Luther H. Collyer,
and 21 Patrolmen.

District No. 12 includes all that part of South Boston and Washington Village east of the centre of Dorchester street; tation House being located on Fourth street, near K.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Elijah H. Goodwin.
Lieutenants, Calvin P. Elliott, David W. Herrick.
Sergeants, George W. Hathaway, Jacob W. Glynn, James H. Lambert,
and 24 Patrolmen.

District No. 13 includes all the territory of the former town of West Roxbury; the Station House being located on Seaverns avenue, Jamaica Plain.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Alexander McDonald.
Lieutenants, Andrew J. Chase, Eben T. Hitchcock.
Sergeant, George E. Harris,
and 20 Patrolmen.

District No. 14 includes all the territory of the former town of Brighton, together with that part of Brookline lately annexed to Boston, lying west of the Boston and Albany Railroad bridge on Brighton avenue; the Station House being located in the old Town Hall, Brighton Centre.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Harvey J. Beckwith.
Lieutenants, Joseph H. Park, Samuel S. Sherman.
Sergeant, Gustavus A. Smith,
and 15 Patrolmen.

District No. 15 includes all the territory of the former City of Charlestown; the Station House being a part of the old Charlestown City Hall, on City Square.

OFFICERS.

Captain, Oliver Ayers.
Lieutenants, Benjamin Williams, William H. Brown.
Sergeants, Henry Fox, Joseph B. Cotton, Orison Little,
and 30 Patrolmen.

CHANGES AND INCREASE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

| | |
|---|-------|
| Maximum of the force, January 1, 1874 | 575 |
| Vacancies | 4 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total in service January 1, 1874 | 571 |
| Added by annexation, officers holding over | 59 |
| Added by appointment | 87 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 717 |
| Died during the year | 7 |
| Discharged | 8 |
| Resigned | 41 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 56 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 661 |
| Vacancies, December 31, 1874 | 3 |
| | <hr/> |
| Maximum, December 31, 1874 | 664 |
| | <hr/> |
| Officers holding over by annexation | 59 |
| Added by appointment for annexed territory | 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 79 |
| Increase by appointment for Districts No. 1 to 12 | 10 |
| Maximum, January 1, 1874 | 575 |
| | <hr/> |
| Present maximum | 664 |
| | <hr/> |
| Saddle horses in use | 28 |

STATION HOUSES.

With the addition of the newly annexed districts, and the division of South Boston into two districts, we now have fifteen Station Houses, of which those on districts No. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, and 13 are well adapted and provided for the legitimate business of the department.

House No. 3 is large and cold, and requires a new heating apparatus. House No. 7 was built upon a piece of marshy land, and the basement floor is so low that the drainage is

quite insufficient; this floor might be raised without large expense, which would entirely remedy the difficulty. In House No. 8 (Harbor Police) the basement where the cells are situated is so low that a high tide often overflows the floor to a depth of twelve or fifteen inches; this renders the whole house damp and unhealthy, not to say dangerous, to the prisoners confined there. Owing to the construction of the building, I see no way to prevent this but to raise the entire structure. The newly occupied house on District No. 12 is a fine, convenient building, and the division of South Boston is already seen to be a great improvement. The new house now being constructed for District No. 11, at Field's Corner, will add another much-needed improvement, and will probably meet the wants of that district for a long time to come. It is fast approaching completion, and will be ready for occupancy at an early day. The cost of furnishing this house is not provided for in the estimate or appropriation for the present year.

Police quarters for district No. 14 are in the old Town Hall, at Brighton Centre, and have been much improved since annexation.

Station No. 15 is a part of the old City Hall, in City square, Charlestown.

The accommodations for both these districts will soon need to be enlarged and otherwise improved.

CITY PROPERTY IN CHARGE OF THE POLICE.

| <i>Stations.</i> | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. | 13. | 14. | 15. | <i>Contr'l</i> | <i>Office.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| American flags | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Ash barrels | 4 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |
| Axes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| Barometers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Baskets | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 22 | 22 |
| Bed blankets | 20 | 42 | 22 | 30 | 41 | 22 | 13 | 27 | 32 | 21 | 15 | 1 | 30 | 14 | 14 | 20 | 20 | 364 |
| " comforters | 25 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 46 | 21 | 24 | 34 | 21 | 21 | 10 | 20 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 384 |
| " pillows | 25 | 21 | 23 | 58 | 42 | 27 | 15 | 22 | 20 | 21 | 8 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 307 |
| " pillow-cases | 70 | 42 | 55 | 75 | 57 | 30 | 30 | 40 | 36 | 42 | 21 | 24 | 18 | 12 | 28 | 9 | 9 | 589 |
| " sheets | 70 | 70 | 98 | 100 | 74 | 50 | 36 | 50 | 60 | 36 | 20 | 50 | 24 | 28 | 56 | 6 | 6 | 828 |
| " spreads | 20 | 21 | 40 | 40 | 30 | 16 | 24 | 30 | 18 | 21 | 7 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 309 |
| Bedsteads | 24 | 19 | 35 | 29 | 32 | 13 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 21 | 7 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 283 |
| Bibles | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| Blank books | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot |
| Bookcases | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | ... | 1 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
| Boston directories | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 23 |
| Brooms | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 38 | 38 | 79 |
| Brushes | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 40 | 79 |

City Property in Use in the several Police Stations. — *Continued.*

| <i>Stations.</i> | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. | 13. | 14. | 15. | <i>Central Office.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|---------------|
| Feather dusters | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 41 |
| Flag staffs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 | 18 |
| Floor mats | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 70 |
| Fluid cans | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | 14 |
| General statutes, copies | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 18 |
| Grappling irons | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Hand-cuffs | 15 | 25 | 29 | 22 | 20 | 12 | 20 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 29 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 25 | 48 | 309 |
| Hand hose | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| Harnesses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 4 |
| Horse equipments | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | ... | 2 | 29 |
| Horses | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | ... | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | ... | 1 | 31 |
| Inkstands | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 36 | 80 |
| Ladders | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 3 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Letter-bags | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | 15 |
| Lounges | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 33 |
| Man-measures | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| Maps | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 8 | 11 |
| Matting | Lot | Lot | ... | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | ... | ... | Lot | ... | Lot | Lot | Lot | ... | Lot | Lot |

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

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City Property in Use at the Several Police Stations. — Continued.

| <i>Stations.</i> | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. | 13. | 14. | 15. | <i>Central Office.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------|---------------|
| Row-boats | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Safes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Settees | 10 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 4 | ... | 5 | 92 |
| Shovels | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | ... | 14 | 51 |
| Signal-bells | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 23 |
| Sledge-hammers | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | 4 | 17 |
| Sleighs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 |
| Soap | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot |
| Soup-kettles | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Spittoons | 6 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 22 | 20 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 163 |
| Stationery | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot |
| Steamboat | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Stools | 1 | 2 | ... | 4 | 1 | ... | 8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 20 |
| Stretchers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| Tables | 17 | 5 | 18 | 20 | 3 | 13 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 13 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 153 |
| Tactics — copies | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 32 |
| Telegraph machines | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 18 |
| Thermometers | ... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 12 |

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|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tin cups | 4 | 14 | 16 | 10 | 12 | 16 | 10 | 3 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 156 | 207 |
| Towels | 36 | 74 | 32 | 56 | 40 | 59 | 24 | 60 | 35 | 25 | 20 | 30 | 24 | 12 | 30 | 16 | 573 |
| Umbrella stands | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 19 |
| Wardrobes | 1 | | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 3 | 5 | | | | 1 | | 14 |
| Wash-boilers | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 5 |
| Washing-machines | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Wash-tubs | | 1 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Wash-wringers | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Water-coolers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 18 |
| " pails | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 52 |
| Whips | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| Window-curtains | 24 | 13 | 36 | 58 | 48 | 7 | 58 | 51 | 23 | 25 | 20 | 22 | 37 | 5 | 13 | 6 | 446 |
| Wood steps | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | 14 |
| Writing-desks | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 61 |
| Wood | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot | Lot |
| Total valuation | \$2,168 00 | \$2,689 00 | \$3,596 00 | \$3,769 00 | \$3,570 00 | \$2,125 00 | \$2,776 00 | \$21,771 00 | \$3,485 00 | \$2,864 00 | \$2,265 00 | \$2,756 00 | \$2,262 00 | \$1,763 00 | \$1,326 00 | \$18,939 00 | \$73,714 00 |

WORK OF THE POLICE,

During the year ending December 31, 1874.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Arrests | 29,799 | Lodgers | 58,449 |
| Males | 23,763 | Males | 41,486 |
| Females | 6,036 | Females | 6,963 |
| Americans | 10,997 | Americans | 22,424 |
| Foreigners | 18,802 | Foreigners | 36,025 |
| Non-residents | 5,961 | Non-residents | 46,501 |
| Minors | 5,422 | Minors | 8,008 |
| Committed | 20,862 | | |

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Amount of property taken from prisoners and lodgers and restored to them | \$69,608 24 |
| Amount of property reported stolen in the city | \$78,485 00 |
| Amount of property recovered which was stolen in and out of the city | \$86,150 53 |
| Amount of fines imposed by the courts | \$73,559 00 |
| Amount of imprisonment by the same | 2,135 yrs. 8 mos. |
| Number of days' attendance in court by officers | 16,916 |
| Amount of witness fees earned by them | \$19,282 07 |
| Amount received for dog licenses | \$13,052 50 |

NATURE OF CRIME.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Adultery | 47 |
| Arson | 10 |
| Assault and battery | 2,156 |
| Assault felonious | 337 |
| Assault indecent | 3 |
| Assault on an officer | 46 |
| Assuming to be a female | 1 |
| Assuming to be an officer | 3 |
| Attempt to break and enter | 15 |

| | |
|--|--------|
| Attempt to commit larceny | 12 |
| Attempt to commit rape | 3 |
| Attempt to pick pocket | 11 |
| Attempt to procure abortion | 1 |
| Attempt to rescue prisoner | 18 |
| Attempt to rob | 8 |
| Attempt to scuttle vessel | 2 |
| Bail bond. | 6 |
| Bastardy | 8 |
| Breaking and entering | 37 |
| Burglary | 22 |
| Carrying concealed weapons | 8 |
| Common beggars | 2 |
| Common drunkards | 346 |
| Common railers and brawlers | 8 |
| Cruelty to dumb animals | 48 |
| Default warrant | 59 |
| Delirium tremens | 20 |
| Deserters | 37 |
| Disorderly | 6,198 |
| Disturbing a public school | 3 |
| Disturbing a religious meeting | 10 |
| Disturbing the peace | 419 |
| Drunkenness | 11,892 |
| Embezzlement | 54 |
| Escaped convicts | 22 |
| Evading car-fare | 27 |
| Evading hack fare | 1 |
| Evading quarantine | 1 |
| Fast driving | 89 |
| Forgery | 22 |
| Fornication | 111 |
| Fraud | 102 |
| Gambling | 83 |
| Gaming on the Lord's day | 159 |

| | |
|--|-------|
| House-breaking | 71 |
| Idle and disorderly | 227 |
| Illegally selling naphtha | 6 |
| Incendiaries | 7 |
| Indecent exposure | 71 |
| Insane | 214 |
| Keeping a concert saloon | 4 |
| Keeping a gambling house | 4 |
| Keeping a house of ill-fame | 53 |
| Keeping a liquor nuisance | 24 |
| Keeping a lottery | 12 |
| Keeping a noisy and disorderly house | 24 |
| Kidnapping a child | 1 |
| Larceny simple | 1,348 |
| Larceny felonious | 659 |
| Lewd and lascivious persons | 10 |
| Maiming | 2 |
| Malicious mischief | 321 |
| Manslaughter | 4 |
| Murder | 10 |
| Passing a worthless check | 1 |
| Performing unlawful marriage | 1 |
| Perjury | 5 |
| Night-walking | 127 |
| Picking pockets | 16 |
| Polygamy | 2 |
| Printing obscene pictures | 1 |
| Procuring abortion | 2 |
| Rape | 5 |
| Refusing to support family | 1 |
| Receiving stolen goods | 94 |
| Rescuing a prisoner | 8 |
| Robbery | 64 |
| Runaways | 31 |
| Selling lottery tickets | 6 |

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Shop-breaking | 232 |
| Sodomy | 1 |
| Stealing a ride | 16 |
| Stubborn children | 89 |
| Suspicion of breaking and entering | 5 |
| Suspicion of larceny | 353 |
| Suspicion of murder | 3 |
| Suspicion of robbery | 2 |
| Suspicious persons | 1,490 |
| Threatening bodily harm | 62 |
| Truancy | 160 |
| Vagrancy | 341 |
| Violation of city ordinances | 540 |
| Violation of dog law | 31 |
| Violation of health law | 3 |
| Violation of liquor law | 23 |
| Violation of lobster law | 3 |
| Violation of milk law | 1 |
| Violation of Sunday law | 212 |
| Voting illegally | 3 |
| Walking on railroad track | 3 |
| Witnesses | 323 |
| Total | <hr/> 29,799 |

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS.

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| United States | 11,096 |
| British Provinces | 1,155 |
| Canada | 118 |
| Ireland | 14,680 |
| England | 1,161 |
| France | 131 |
| Germany | 534 |
| Italy | 103 |
| Portugal | 59 |

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

| | |
|---|--------|
| Accidents reported | 1,119 |
| Boats challenged | 1,040 |
| Buildings found open, and secured | 2,975 |
| Cases investigated | 10,447 |
| Dangerous buildings reported | 87 |
| Dangerous chimneys reported | 45 |
| Dead bodies found | 107 |
| Defective cesspools reported | 127 |
| Defective drains and vaults | 912 |
| Defective fire alarms and clocks | 103 |
| Defective gas pipes | 51 |
| Defective hydrants | 68 |
| Defective lamps | 4,660 |
| Defective streets and sidewalks | 5,718 |
| Defective water-pipes | 330 |
| Disturbances suppressed | 14,603 |
| Extra duties done by officers | 6,435 |
| Fire alarms given | 430 |
| Fires extinguished without alarm | 297 |
| Intoxicated persons assisted home | 1,234 |
| Lost children restored | 1,494 |
| Rescued from drowning | 32 |
| Sick and injured persons assisted | 543 |
| Stray teams put up | 332 |
| Street obstructions removed | 37,641 |
| Vessels boarded | 558 |
| Water running to waste reported | 376 |

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HACKS

Reports as follows :—

| | |
|--|------|
| Whole number of licensed carriages | 725 |
| Licenses transferred during the year | 59 |
| Licenses revoked or given up | 31 |
| Licenses refused | none |

| | |
|--|----------|
| Complaints made for violation of license | 25 |
| Complaints made for standing in street without license | 8 |
| Cases of accidents investigated | 3 |
| Cases of miscarried baggage investigated | 3 |
| Fees collected and paid to City Treasurer | \$725 00 |

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WAGONS

Reports as follows : —

| | |
|---|------------|
| Whole number of licenses in force Dec. 31, 1874 | 3,498 |
| Old licenses renewed | 3,335 |
| New licenses granted | 163 |
| Licenses transferred | 344 |
| Complaints made for violation of license | 17 |
| Complaints made for not having license | 1 |
| Cases of accidents investigated | 11 |
| Cases investigated of merchandise miscarried | 69 |
| Fees collected and paid to City Treasurer | \$3,180 00 |

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PAWNBROKERS

Reports as follows : —

| | |
|--|------------|
| Whole number of licensed pawnbrokers | 83 |
| Whole number of licensed second-hand dealers | 211 |
| Licenses transferred during the year | 23 |
| Licenses revoked | none |
| Licenses refused | 8 |
| Complaints made for violation of license | none |
| Complaints made for selling without license | 1 |
| Complaints against licensed parties investigated | 250 |
| Stolen property recovered | \$1,913 00 |

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INTELLIGENCE OFFICES,
BILLIARD SALOONS, AND AUCTIONEERS

Reports as follows :—

| | |
|---|------------|
| Number of intelligence offices licensed | 67 |
| Licenses of same cancelled | 6 |
| Licenses of same transferred | 11 |
| Billiard and bowling saloons licensed (covering 369 tables and alleys) | 101 |
| Auctioneers licensed | 78 |
| Applications for street stands investigated | 806 |
| Street stands licensed | 286 |
| Street stands cancelled and removed | 45 |
| Complaints against licensed persons investigated | 94 |
| Fees collected and paid to the City Clerk | \$1,430 00 |

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PERMITS FOR BUILDING
PURPOSES

Reports as follows :—

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Permits remaining uncanceled Jan. 1, 1874 | 487 | |
| Permits granted during year to Dec. 31, 1874 | 1,545 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,032 |
| Permits cancelled during the year | 1,605 | |
| Permits revoked for cause | 17 | |
| Permits remaining uncanceled | 410 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,032 |
| Prosecutions for violation of permits | | 12 |
| Prosecution for occupying street without per- mits | | 3 |

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS,

As reported by the Captains of the several Police Districts.

| Station. | Iron and Stone. | Cost. | Brick. | Cost. | Wood. | Cost. | Total. | Total Cost. |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|-------|-------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 . . . | 4 | \$192,000 | 19 | \$246,000 | .. | | 23 | \$438,000 |
| 2 . . . | 63 | 6,768,000 | 33 | 738,000 | .. | | 96 | 7,506,000 |
| 3 . . . | 2 | 75,000 | 25 | 218,000 | 8 | \$26,000 | 35 | 319,000 |
| 4 . . . | 24 | 1,686,000 | 54 | 1,243,000 | 4 | 4,000 | 82 | 2,933,000 |
| 5 . . . | 5 | 172,000 | 88 | 1,248,000 | 2 | 2,000 | 95 | 1,422,000 |
| 6 . . . | .. | | 11 | 71,000 | 37 | 85,000 | 48 | 156,000 |
| 7 . . . | .. | | 19 | 872,000 | 156 | 881,000 | 175 | 1,753,000 |
| 8 . . . | 2 | 10,000 | 3 | 54,000 | 1 | 1,000 | 6 | 65,000 |
| 9 . . . | 5 | 624,000 | 30 | 394,000 | 110 | 347,000 | 145 | 1,365,000 |
| 10 . . . | .. | | 88 | 745,000 | 67 | 197,000 | 155 | 942,000 |
| 11 . . . | .. | | 4 | 129,000 | 104 | 504,000 | 108 | 633,000 |
| 12 . . . | .. | | 10 | 167,000 | 145 | 367,000 | 155 | 534,000 |
| 13 . . . | 2 | 5,000 | 7 | 41,000 | 107 | 435,000 | 116 | 481,000 |
| 14 . . . | 2 | 76,000 | 6 | 65,000 | 61 | 307,000 | 69 | 448,000 |
| 15 . . . | .. | | 18 | 175,900 | 78 | 182,000 | 96 | 357,000 |
| Total . | 109 | \$9,608,000 | 415 | \$6,406,000 | 880 | \$3,338,000 | 1,404 | \$19,352,000 |

REMOVAL OF SIGNS.

On the 17th of January, 1874, the Board of Aldermen passed an order directing the Chief of Police to cause to be removed all signs, lanterns, show-bills and show-boards which extended more than one foot over the street or sidewalk, within the limits of the "burnt district," so-called; these signs were found to number 49.

On the 13th of April, 1874, the Board of Aldermen passed an order directing the Chief of Police to cause to be removed all signs, show-boards, poles, cranes, etc., which projected over the cart-way in any public street or place, within the limits of the city; these projections were 181 in

number. Again, on the 8th of June, 1874, the Board passed an order directing the Chief of Police to cause to be removed all signs, lanterns, show-bills and show-boards projecting more than one foot into or over the street or sidewalk on Washington street, from Cornhill to Guild row; this order included 800 projections of different kinds. Under the authority of these orders, notices were served on the proper parties in each case, and the projections were by them removed in due season, without prosecution, except in one single instance, and in that the sign was subsequently removed, and the complaint *not pros'd.*

REPAIR OF WATER-SPOUTS.

On the 27th of July, 1874, the Board of Aldermen directed the Chief of Police to notify the owners or occupants of buildings from the roofs or sides of which water is discharged into the public streets or ways of the city, so as to interfere with the public safety or convenience, to forthwith repair the same, and, on their neglect so to do, to report the same to the Board. Under these directions the owners or occupants of all such described places in the city were severally notified, and many hundreds of the defective places were repaired, while about ten thousand were reported for non-compliance with the order.

A large amount of work done by this department is of that nature that it cannot be classified under any specific head in a report, nor does the department receive proper credit for it. Much of this work is done for other departments, and a part of it can be done in the regular routine of duty without serious detriment to the regular service; but special details are often called for that greatly weakens the force, to say nothing of the expense entailed. The details at the public bathing-houses alone, during the past summer, required the services of fifteen men for a period of four months, at a cost of \$5,490.00; thus reducing

the force at a season when its whole strength was needed, and incurring an expense for which no provision had been made. It would be a measure of economy for this department, and for the city, if special officers could be appointed for this service, even if they should be paid from the Police Appropriation.

LODGERS AT STATION HOUSES.

For some years past, the Station Houses, more especially those situated in the central portion of the city, have become largely monopolized by lodgers, to the great inconvenience and detriment of the legitimate business of the department. During the year 1872 the arrests were 27,000, and the lodgers 36,000. In the year 1873 the arrests were 27,000; lodgers, 47,000. In 1874, arrests, 29,000; lodgers, 58,000; showing a yearly increase of lodgers of about 30 per cent., while a large part of the whole number are provided for during the winter months, and at Stations No. 1 to No. 8.

Of the whole number of lodgers, about 38,000 in 1873, and 46,000 in 1874, were non-residents of Boston.

These non-resident lodgers are nearly all males, and are much more unclean than persons arrested for crime, while most of them, though utterly destitute, are persons who have no desire to work if they had the opportunity; but the warm cells of the station, poorly furnished as they are, with the other inducements found in a large city, have a charm for this class of people that has nearly doubled their numbers in the past three years. To say nothing of other results caused by their presence, they absorb much of the charity due to our own suffering resident poor.

Even had we no prisoners to provide for, our Station Houses are much too small to accommodate this army of lodgers, and when, as in the year 1874, nearly 90,000 persons, male and female, prisoners and lodgers, intoxicated

and sober, are crowded together in their narrow limits, assaults and accidents are liable to occur, even under the most watchful care.

COMPARATIVE SECURITY OF PROPERTY.

The following table will show the number of population and the total valuation of personal property, together with the amount of property reported stolen *in the city*, and the amount of property recovered by the police, which had been stolen *in and out of the city*, for each of the past fifteen years : —

| | Population. | Valuation of Personal Property. | Property Reported Stolen. | Property Recovered. |
|--------------|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1860 | 177,000 | \$112,969,700 | \$73,397 | \$32,904 |
| 1861 | 180,000 | 103,978,000 | 109,085 | 75,623 |
| 1862 | 180,000 | 112,570,000 | 196,082 | 163,499 |
| 1863 | 182,000 | 137,882,700 | 125,291 | 93,207 |
| 1864 | 185,000 | 150,377,600 | 943,702 | 90,195 |
| 1865 | 192,000 | 170,263,875 | 214,299 | 144,240 |
| 1866 | 197,000 | 189,595,130 | 161,355 | 520,227 |
| 1867 | 200,000 | 194,358,400 | 130,510 | 124,020 |
| 1868 | 230,000 | 205,937,900 | 126,008 | 107,125 |
| 1869 | 237,000 | 217,459,700 | 431,234 | 200,607 |
| 1870 | 250,000 | 218,496,100 | 94,020 | 75,162 |
| 1871 | 265,000 | 217,448,600 | 60,018 | 71,151 |
| 1872 | 285,000 | 239,440,850 | 63,801 | 70,014 |
| 1873 | 300,000 | 223,745,200 | 78,225 | 69,229 |
| 1874 | 375,000 | 244,554,900 | 78,485 | 86,150 |

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES.

The estimates and appropriation for the financial year ending April 30, 1875, were made as follows : —

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| For the general expenses of the department, including salaries of the chief and deputy, captains, lieutenants and patrolmen | \$840,000 00 |
| For harbor police boat, including fire apparatus | 25,000 00 |
| Total | <u>\$865,000 00</u> |

All income of the department is paid directly into the city treasury.

The total expenditures of the department during the nine months of the financial year ending December 31st, 1874, are : —

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Quarter to June 30 | \$195,748 56 | |
| “ “ Sept. 30 | 205,616 72 | |
| “ “ Dec. 31 | 214,734 49 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$616,099 77 |
| Balance in treasury | | 248,900 23 |
| Total appropriation | | <u>\$865,000 00</u> |

Although there have been some expenditures not provided for in the estimates, the balance in the treasury seems to be ample for the expenses of the remaining three months of the financial year.

The following table will show the details of the expenditures for the current year to December 31, 1874 : —

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Pay-rolls of officers | \$712,774 52 |
| Care of stations | 7,604 94 |
| Fuel | 4,220 22 |
| Gas | 7,591 32 |
| Water | 1,123 91 |
| Furniture and bedding (including furnishing of new stations) | 5,823 42 |

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Medical attendance on sick and injured persons | 1,616 50 |
| Printing and stationery | 4,142 05 |
| Expenses and repairs of police telegraph | 4,103 47 |
| Carriage of prisoners | 3,094 80 |
| Cost of 28 horses and their equipments | 8,064 00 |
| Cost of police steamer and equipment | 20,000 00 |
| Cost and care of flags and flag-staffs, ropes and stakes | 1,044 96 |
| Sundry expenses | 16,416 34 |
| Total for year | <hr/> \$797,620 45 |

POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

By permission of the Mayor and Aldermen, this association was organized January 13th, 1871, and is composed only of members of the Boston Police Department, who may join voluntarily; it is designed to afford temporary aid and relief to its sick or disabled members, and to provide means for the funeral expenses in case of death.

The fund of the association is sustained by an admission fee of ten dollars, an annual assessment of five dollars from each member, the proceeds of the annual police ball, and by private contributions from citizens.

The benefits in case of sickness are one dollar per day for a term not exceeding twenty-six weeks in any one sickness, or twenty-eight weeks in any one year; while the sum of five hundred dollars is paid on the death of a member, and one hundred dollars on the death of a member's wife.

The following is the Secretary's report of the condition of the Association:—

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Total membership | 434 |
|----------------------------|-----|

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Total fund December 31, 1873 | \$18,729 58 | |
| Total income for the year | | |
| 1874 | 12,783 26 | |
| | <hr/> | \$31,512 84 |
| Paid for sick benefits during | | |
| 1874 | \$2,799 00 | |
| Paid on death of members . | 2,947 00 | |
| Paid on death of members' | | |
| wives | 600 00 | |
| Paid current expenses . . | 96 23 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6,442 23 |
| Total fund December 31, 1874 | | <hr/> <hr/> \$25,070 61 |

FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED POLICEMEN.

On the 17th of June, 1870, the City Council passed an ordinance to take effect on and after its passage, which provided that "all moneys received by Police Officers as witnesses, and paid by them into the City Treasury, shall be kept as a separate fund for the period of five years, and be invested and managed by the Mayor, Treasurer and Auditor of the city, for the time being, who shall be trustees thereof. The income of said fund shall be applied to the relief of persons who have received an honorable discharge from the Police force by reason of sickness, age, or other disability, and who are, in consequence thereof, in necessitous circumstances; and also to the relief of widows and orphans, in necessitous circumstances, of Police Officers who have died in the service of the city. Said trustees may make such rules and regulations for the appropriation and disbursement of the interest of said fund as they may deem expedient, subject, however, to such ordinances as the City Council may from time to time adopt."

The moneys paid into the City Treasury, by officers as

above referred to, consist of witness fees earned by them in the Municipal Criminal Courts.

The fund thus set apart now amounts to thirty-six thousand dollars, which, invested at six per cent. interest, gives an annual income of \$2,160.

There are now five persons receiving aid from this source, and several applications are now under consideration.

During the past year we have lost, by death, seven men, leaving behind them families who had been dependent on them for support, and we have several others who are fast wearing out in a long and faithful service.

Most of the men in the department have large families, and are entirely dependent on their daily labor for their support, while the effort to maintain even a small family in the city, in a moderately respectable manner, with the officer's extra expense for uniform, on an income of three dollars per day, requires the most rigid economy, without affording any opportunity to make provisions for the future, and the removal by death or disability of many of our members would leave their families in very straitened circumstances.

The term of five years during which the fees were ordered to be set apart for this fund, as afore mentioned, will expire in a few months, and I would most earnestly recommend that this provision for deserving men, who have been worn out in the service of the city, so generously begun five years ago, may be further continued.

APARTMENTS FOR THE INSANE.

The appeals that have heretofore been made for better accommodations for those insane persons who are brought temporarily under the charge of this department have been generously responded to during the past year by the government, and three comfortable apartments have been fitted up in the basement of the court-house, at some distance from

the prison cells. These new quarters, if not all that might be desired, are, nevertheless, a great improvement upon the former arrangement; *now* the victim of this fearful malady, instead of being confined in a close, dark cell, in close proximity to, and subject to, the outcries and imprecations of those in custody for drunkenness and debauch, is placed in a comfortable apartment, where there is better light and air, and where, if no immediate relief can be administered, the unhappy sufferers may, at least, receive the benefit of quiet and rest.

POLICE TELEGRAPH.

The benefit of a proper system of rapid communication between the Central Office and the several Police Stations has become of such importance as to render the telegraph an absolute necessity. As a measure of economy the wires, when first put up, were arranged so as to connect several stations in the same circuit; but it soon became evident that the great liability to accident and disarrangement, which occurring at any point on the line would destroy the communication on the entire circuit, rendered it advisable to establish an independent wire from the Central Office to each station, and this improvement has been completed the past year. We have now about forty miles of well-constructed lines, and seventeen magneto-machines, with all the necessary apparatus; the whole costing about eight thousand dollars, while the yearly expense of adjustment and keeping in repair will amount to about one thousand dollars. The construction of independent lines has proved a valuable addition, and our present system is thoroughly efficient and satisfactory. While the telegraph is in almost constant use in the ordinary every-day service, it becomes, in case of fire, serious disturbance, or other great emergency, requiring a large force to be concentrated at any given point, on the shortest notice, an auxiliary to the Police Department which is invaluable.

MOUNTED POLICE.

The acquisition, by annexation, of a large amount of territory, much of which is sparsely settled, together with the experience of other cities, and the profitable result of a limited trial in our own, seemed to favor the plan of organizing a mounted police force to act in connection with those doing duty on foot; and early in the spring of 1874 the city government decided to provide horses and equipments for a force of twenty-eight men, to be distributed among the several districts as would best promote the interests of the service. The entire cost of the horses and equipments has been about eight thousand dollars, and the cost of keeping, shoeing, and other necessary expenses will amount to about four hundred dollars per year for each horse. The results, thus far, have been entirely satisfactory, the work done having already more than compensated for the outlay, and I am assured by the captains of the several districts, and by the men engaged in this duty, that the mounted force, as now organized, can accomplish more than could be done by double their numbers on foot; and while this branch of the service has facilities for moving rapidly from place to place, a great advantage even in every-day duty in all parts of the city, and for patrolling a large amount of territory in the thinly settled districts, it also provides an additional security against trouble arising from large and excited crowds, which are liable to occur in all large cities, and in quelling which mounted men are far more effective than it is possible for men on foot to be.

POLICE STEAMBOAT.

A most valuable addition to the service has been secured during the past year in the building and putting into commission the new Police steamer "Protector."

Boston, with her thirty miles of water front, and two hundred wharves, her numerous islands, and her harbor cov-

ered with shipping of every description, teeming with life, and laden with property valued by hundreds of millions, belonging not only to our own merchants, but hailing from every port in the world, has, until now, provided but very little police protection in this direction, and the new steamer is calculated to supply a necessity that has long existed.

The boat is about seventy feet in length, fifteen feet beam, and five and one-half feet draft, is built of the best material, and in a thorough and substantial manner; her engine has a double twelve-inch cylinder, and is connected with a Blake's pump throwing two powerful streams of water, and fitted with hose and other necessary apparatus; being constructed not only for police service, but also for duty at fires that may occur near the water-front, and for cutting or breaking a channel through ice in the harbor.

I am assured by both her commander and engineer that she can, with a fair opportunity, attain a speed of fully seventeen miles per hour; and this great speed has already enabled her to save several lives, and to render valuable aid to boats in distress. She is in charge of able and experienced men, and patrols the harbor continually by day, being kept ready for immediate service by night; her presence in the harbor giving a feeling of security for life and property that is highly appreciated by those whom she is designed to benefit, while it is estimated by competent authority that her services at the two large fires on December 15th and 16th were sufficiently valuable to more than compensate for the entire expense of her construction.

The total cost of the boat and her equipment is about twenty thousand dollars, and the expense of running her will amount to about thirty dollars per day. She was designed and built under the direct supervision of Mayor Cobb, and is a model of beauty, and a decided success in mechanical skill.

In concluding this report I desire to say that no case of murder or manslaughter has been committed within the limits of the city, during the year, in which the guilty parties, if left alive, have escaped arrest; no bank burglary has occurred; no serious disturbance has taken place; and while the amount of property reported to have been stolen in the city remains comparatively small, the amount of stolen property recovered by the officers of this department, and the punishment imposed upon criminals, has considerably increased.

And if all that could be desired has not been accomplished, *my answer is*, the distance over which each patrolman in the central part of the city has to pass is from one to two and a half miles, while the beats on the outer districts are each from three to twelve miles long. The improvements made during the year have added much to the strength of the department, and its discipline and efficiency will compare favorably with former years, but the rapid growth of the city will soon require further improvements and more men.

Thanking you, Mr. Mayor, and the members of the City Council, for the kind consideration extended to me in my efforts to serve you,

I remain, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD H. SAVAGE,

Chief of Police.

In consequence of the great increase of the population of the city, the Corporation of London, in the year 1733, passed an Act for the better regulation of the streets, and for the improvement of the public health. This Act was the first of a series of measures which were taken by the Corporation to improve the city, and to make it a more healthy and comfortable place to live in. The Act provided for the widening of the streets, and for the improvement of the drainage system. It also provided for the establishment of a Corporation of Surgeons, and for the regulation of the medical profession. The Act was a very important one, and it was the first of a series of measures which were taken by the Corporation to improve the city, and to make it a more healthy and comfortable place to live in.

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